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250-974-7091

Animal Control

250-974-4188

Boat Harbour

250-974-5727

Community Hall

250-974-5448

Fire Hall

250-974-5332

Visitor Centre

(off season)

250-974-5213

Campground

250-974-7028

EMERGENCY- 911

Did you know?

Crocus is a genus of flowering plants in the iris family, comprising 90 species of perennials.



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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2015 DORIS SCHMITT



Doris' nominators say that her background in teaching is evident through her remarkable patience, tolerance, and ability to engage with people of all ages. She has been an instrumental leader of several volunteer organizations:

- **The Garden Club** which she helped to establish, dedicated hours of hard labour to, and shared her knowledge of plants with new and experienced gardeners.
- **The Art Group** which she continues to work with to showcase local artists at the new gallery.
- **The Cormorant Island Auxiliary** where she serves as secretary and Thrift Shop Convenor.

Congratulations Doris and thank you for your generous contributions to our community!

See inside for a list of all nominees.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

- **Dennis Buchanan**
- **Stan Hunt**
- **Kelly Speck**
- **Cormorant Island Auxiliary**
- **Ambulance Station 102** (On nomination form: Sue Bell - Unit Chief, Wayne Gauthier, Derek Perrault, and Don Svanvik.

The Village is fortunate to have so many dedicated people and groups that contribute to our community. Thank you from all of us!

“The Cormorant Island Auxiliary, through community donations of thrift, have donated in 2015, \$24,866.00 to enrich the comfort and quality of care for those who use our hospital. Thanks to all who contribute clean and reusable items.”

VOLUNTEER NEEDED



Village Council is seeking a community volunteer to represent Alert Bay on the Tri-Island Ferry Advisory Committee.

The volunteer will attend Advisory Council meetings to speak on behalf of the community and share information at Village Council meetings.

For more information about this important role, please e-mail: tri-islandfac@alertbay.ca

BEST DECORATED HOUSE AND BUSINESS 2015



Kim Mercer and **Edwin Williams** were awarded **Best Decorated House 2015** for their colourful display of lights that flashed in sync to Christmas music.



Colin Ritchie accepted the award for **Best Decorated Business 2015** on behalf of **The Seine Boat Inn**. The Seine Boat's light display welcomed travelers and residents alike as they made their way south along Fir Street in the evenings.

Thank you to all residents and businesses that lit up our streets in December!

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Village of Alert Bay Council meetings occur on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7PM, unless the Monday falls on a statutory holiday.

TAX CLINIC

Chan Nowosad Boates Chartered Accountants will be offering free, drop-in tax services for qualifying low-income individuals during the week of March 28th. Watch the Village web site and notice boards for details.

WHEELS FOR WELLNESS

To ensure that all North Island residents, including Cormorant Islanders, will be able to travel to medical appointments down island, Wheels for Wellness is providing a second Mount Waddington van.

This is a pilot project, happening only Jan 1 – Mar 31 2016. To access the service please call 1-250-338-0196.

Questions? Please call Chris (MW Health Network Coordinator): 250 956 3161, or Shirley (Chair, MW Transit Committee) at the Port McNeill town office: 250 956 3111

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses expired on December 31st, 2015. If your dog hasn't renewed their license, please ask them to visit the Village Office to obtain a new one. Owners may purchase licenses on their dog's behalf.

License Fees:

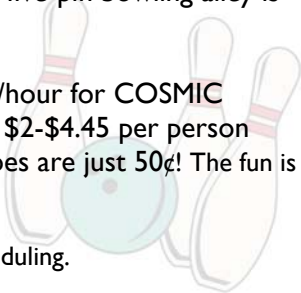
\$50 for non-spayed/non-neutered
\$10 for spayed/neutered

BOWLING ALLEY RENTAL

Did you know that the Village's five-pin bowling alley is available for rental?

Alley rental is \$30/hour or \$40/hour for COSMIC bowling. The fee for 3 games is \$2-\$4.45 per person depending on your age, and shoes are just 50¢! The fun is free!

Contact the Village Office for scheduling.



ALERT BAY ART LOFT GALLERY & GIFT SHOP

2016 Show Schedule and Call for Art!

Mar 4 – Apr 10 :: ART DUE: Feb 28
SHOW: "Luck of the Draw(ing)"
Any Sort of Drawing

Apr 15 – May 22 :: ART DUE: Apr 10
SHOW: "Buds & Blooms"
Spring in the air! Floral.

May 27 – Jul 3 :: ART DUE: May 22
SHOW: "On the Water"
Life Aquatic

Jul 8 – Aug 14 :: ART DUE: Jul 3
SHOW: "Salon Style Small Works Show"
plus Artfest Carryover
Aimed at the traveller.

Aug 19 – Sep 25 :: ART DUE: Aug 14
SHOW: "Deja Vu"
Some works Old!

Sep 30 – Nov 13 :: ART DUE: Sep 25
SHOW: "True Colours"
Celebrate Seasons (open to interpretation).

Nov 18 – Dec 30 :: ART DUE: Nov 13
SHOW: "Winter Comforts"
ALSO "Small Works" and Winter Market

WANT TO HAVE YOUR OWN SHOW? CONTACT US!
Become a member to receive updates,
or find us on Facebook!


www.alertbayartists.org

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Reminder: "Spring" forward one hour on
Sunday, March 13th!



Coming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	2 JOHN VAILLANT BOOK READING AT THE COOK SHACK HALL 7PM PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	3 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	4	5 BC HYDRO SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE STARTS 11PM
6 BC HYDRO SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE ENDS 7AM MUSICFEST LOONIE AUCTION AT SHOP RITE	7	8 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	9 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	10 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	11	12
13 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS (CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR)	14 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING 7PM PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	15 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	16 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	17 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	18 	19
20	21 ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL SPRING BREAK STARTS PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	22 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	23 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	24 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	25 GOOD FRIDAY VILLAGE OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS CLOSED	26
27	28 EASTER MONDAY VILLAGE OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS CLOSED PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	29 PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	30 SHOP RITE SENIOR AND CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL	31 ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL SPRING BREAK ENDS PICKLEBALL DROP-IN 6:30PM AT COMMUNITY HALL		